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The new girl at school has a glamourous life. What more could she want? Sunday Chutney is not your ordinary every-day girl. Sunday has lived everywhere and been everywhere. The only problem is this means she is always the new girl at school and she never really has a place to call home. But Sunday doesn't mind, not really. After all, she doesn't care what people think, she loves her own company, she has heaps of imaginary friends, so many important interests that keep her very busy . . . and traveling is so glamorous. What more could Sunday Chutney want?

Sunday Chutney Details

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Haley says

I was disappointed this book was not about the weekly tradition of eating chutney, but it is cute. Great for a kid who moves around a lot!! Shows making friends is possible. Also good for a kid who may encounter a "new kid at school"- shows they are just like them!

Jen says

Didn't really like this CBC nominated 2009 picture book. Didn't like the pictures very much, especially those of the main character Sunday Chutney - something to do with the mouth I think. Also, didn't like some of the choice of words to tell the story of Sunday, who is always on the move with her family and has to change school often. Some of the sentences were a bit out of character - like her comments about "the benefits of a big breakfast". Would she really have said that? Worthy message though for those kids having to deal with constant changes because of their family life.

Elfdart says

this is a fun book about a girl who's always the new girl. her parents are always moving from place to place so she's been all over the world and has seen many things.. but as a result she doesn't have any friends and is always 'the new girl' in school. despite this however, sunday has a really bright outlook on life. right after she says something depressing she bounces back with something funny or quirky. she has an amazing imagination and is not afraid to use it. for most of the book her imagination seems to make up for her lack of friends, but at the end she says that making friends is something she's good at and shows her with a group of girls.

this is a good book to give a kid who moves around a lot or one moving once to a new place. it voices the fears kids have in these situations, but is fun enough to almost side-step the unpleasant feelings associated with moving. she has a lot of interests and is really upbeat. a fun book.

Sonia McIntosh says

Sunday Chutney's story reminds me of my childhood as I moved all around Victoria.

Nam says

I feel like Blabey tried hard, but missed the mark. There doesn't seem to be a clear ending or message. 'I'm good at making friends with girls, but I'm always alone.' 'I don't like moving about, but I love it.' Children who this relates to could just find themselves confused about their feelings. They are given no good guidance through those feelings. I would not read this with a 'new kid' child because it doesn't have any conclusion.

Bridget R. Wilson says

Sunday Chutney is a spunky little girl. She reminds me of Clementine and Pippi. I love her imagination (mad tea party and her animal friends).

Sunday Chutney is always the new girl at school. The wonderful thing about Sunday Chutney is she doesn't care what the other kids think about her.

What I thought: A delightful book that will be a must read for any new kid at school. Sunday reminds me of several other characters (Clementine and Pippi to name two). She's spunky and happy despite all the moving her family does. The illustrations are great. After so many bright and busy books, these are refreshing. Blabey's use of pastels results in muted colors. The illustrations also have a minimalistic quality to them. My favorite illustrations are Sunday's imaginings (the mad tea party, her animal friends).

Amy Forrester says

This is Sunday Chutney, a little girl with a big smile and an even bigger imagination, and she's a bit unusual. She's lived all over the world, which is mostly great. The only downside is that she's always the new kid at school. But that's ok, because Sunday doesn't care (or does she?), because she has a vivid imagination and quite a few hobbies, from drumming to marine biology. Although it can be lonely moving around so much, Sunday has become an expert at making friends with girls, but not boys because they're smelly and full of germs. At the end of the day Sunday wishes that she could have "the same home. Or maybe a monster truck. It depends."

Blabey's humorous illustrations, presented in scrapbook fashion, capture the spirit of the vivacious and eternally optimistic Sunday Chutney. With her wide smile and square plastic glasses, energetic Sunday nearly leaps off the page with enthusiasm for life. The text, written in first-person, manages to capture Sunday's spunky spirit, but also her wistful wish to have a more permanent home.

Full Review at Picture-Book-a-Day: <http://picturebookaday.blogspot.com/2013/09/sunday-chutney.html>

Linda says

This story tells of an unusual little girl, Sunday, who talks about moving too much, and how that's hard to be the 'new girl' so often. Aaron Blabey tells us many things about her, her likes and dislikes, including an optometrist because of her 'lazy eye'. He shows a wonderfully interesting girl who embraces life despite all that moving. It celebrates individuality beautifully. I imagine reading this to young students to help them find topics to write about in their own lives. How are they like Sunday, and how are they different? What are their likes and dislikes? There's a lot to enjoy in this book!

Librariasaurus says

Now, this one has a good message, even if it gets slightly mixed up in the middle. The only place this falls down is the part of the text where it was like Blabey couldn't decide if he was writing a book about being the new kid or being part of a family that moves a lot. To me those could/should be two different stories. But I like Sunday Chutney, she's different and fabulous. This would be a good book to gift a child who may be going overseas, moving house or changing school.

Treasure says

Sunday Chutney is an eccentric, confident, honest girl who shares in this picture book what it is like to be frequently moving and starting new schools because of her dad's job. She offers pros and cons (pro--living overseas is fabulous and exotic, con-- always being the new weird kid in school), her likes and dislikes, and other amusing information about herself.

I enjoyed how utterly confident and funny she was, and that right when the ending begins to get sappy, she throws you for a loop with a hilarious ending.

AMY says

This is Mr. Blabey's second book. It is nicely done. This book reminds me of the Olive series with a spunky girl who has lots of spirit. Sunday keeps moving and becoming the new girl at school. She has a good sense of who she is and has no trouble bouncing back after things go wrong for her. Highly recommended for Grades 1-3.

Dee-Ann says

Great children's book about a quirky young girl 'Sunday' who has to move a lot due to her dad's job. The book illustrates the upside and downside of this lifestyle. Gorgeous pictures and story.

Mary Refalo says

A contemplation on identity, Sunday Chutney is a lovely read. Sunday and her family move a lot, giving her good reason to feel lonely at times. The picture book explores identity through her perspective: Sunday describes the things she likes and the things she doesn't in a simple, naive fashion and in a way that makes it okay to be unusual and interesting in an adolescent world in which conformity rules. Blabey's illustrations are delightful and further engage the reader. Short-listed for a 'Children's Book Council of Australia' award, Sunday Chutney is a useful text for below level Stage 4 girls, particularly as a supporting, rather than as a focus, text.

Andrea Damic says

"Sunday Chutney", another fantastic book from Aaron Blabey. A story about always being the new kid, not settling in, changing schools, friends, places to live, wishing to have a place to call home however at the same time being mature about it, respecting parents and what they do for her and not caring what others think of her as she knows who she is. Just love it, like every book I've read so far from Aaron Blabey.

Glitterbomb says

Read with my daughter for her 2018 Premiers Reading Challenge.

A delightful story about a girl who is always the new girl in school. Its cute, spunky and a little bit eccentric. The illustrations are fun and quirky and the story has a wonderful moral. My daughter and I both enjoyed this one.
